CITY OF CARLSBAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City Council will be requested to approve the distribution of a Request for Proposals for funding in the 2010-2011 program year at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 10, 2009. Applicants are not required to attend this meeting.

The total amount of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development estimated to be available for Carlsbad in 2010-2011 is approximately \$659,628. This figure includes an estimated \$508,000 in new CDBG entitlement allocation, \$91,488 available from program income, and \$60,140 available for reallocation from prior year activities. Of the \$659,628 total CDBG funds available, \$101,600 will be used for the City's administration of the CDBG Program and \$76,200 will be available for eligible public service activities. Approximately \$240,914 will be available for public facilities, improvements and other eligible activities.

Approximately \$240,914 in CDBG funds will be available for selected projects that will provide affordable housing opportunities in Carlsbad. Approximately \$293,000 will be available from the City's allocation of 2010-2011 HOME funds to assist in providing affordable housing opportunities for lower income households. The combination of 2010-2011 CDBG and HOME funds being made available for affordable housing totals approximately \$533,914. **Specifically, the \$533,914 will be targeted for use in acquisition of property for affordable housing purposes.** Additional HOME funds from prior program years may be available for reallocation from other programs if a suitable proposal requires more than the \$293,000 available in 2010-2011 HOME program funding.

Organizations are strongly discouraged from applying for funds unless they are ready to implement the activity proposed for funding. A matching funds requirement will be applied to CDBG funded public facilities/improvement activities, and documentation showing use of matching funds will be required prior to distribution of CDBG funds for activities under that category. CDBG funding for amounts of \$100,000 or more may be made in the form of a deferred, no interest loan, to be forgiven in twenty years if the facility remains in use for purposes as stated in the application.

The City of Carlsbad is committed to using CDBG/HOME funds to finance projects/services that provide direct benefit to lower income Carlsbad residents. It is also the City's intent to approve CDBG/HOME projects that do not result in the displacement of lower income persons from their homes. Therefore, all persons submitting project proposals to the City should consider the displacement impact upon lower income households. If the City does approve a project that results in displacement of lower income households, the City will provide relocation assistance as required in Section 570.606(b)(2) of the federal regulations for the CDBG program.

All persons, organizations, agencies, etc. wishing to submit an application for funding consideration under the CDBG/HOME program must obtain a "Funding Proposal Application" from the City of Carlsbad Housing and Redevelopment Department. Interested persons may request a Funding Proposal Application by calling (760) 434-2818, or by sending a request via internet email to frank.boensch@carlsbadca.gov. Organizations that have not received CDBG/HOME funds from the City of Carlsbad within the last two years must attend an orientation meeting on November 23, 2009 at 3:00 PM. Applications for funding will not be accepted from organizations that have not received CDBG/HOME funds from the City within the last three years if they do not have a representative attend the orientation meeting.

All project proposals must be submitted to: Frank Boensch, City of Carlsbad, Housing & Redevelopment Department, 2965 Roosevelt Street, Suite B, Carlsbad, CA 92008 prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2009. Persons who have questions or comments regarding the City of Carlsbad's CDBG/HOME Program may contact Frank Boensch at (760) 434-2818, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.